MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PEAKIRK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2017 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, STARTING AT 7.30PM

Present: Cllrs Henry Clark (Chair), Gary Wright, Emma Crowson, Roy Pettitt, David Fovargue, Sally Jackson and Greg Prior.

Also in attendance: Angela Hankins (Clerk). John Dadge of Barker Storey Matthews and Victoria Banks-Haynes present for part of the meeting..

77. No questions were raised for public question time.

78. Apologies noted from Ward Councillors Hiller and Holdich.

79. HC declared an interest in item 82.2.

80. The minutes of the previous meeting dated 18th September 2017 were approved as a true record.

81. Correspondence:

81.1 Cross Keys Homes’ Annual Report was circulated – EC.

81.2 The Peterborough Annual Public Health report was circulated – RP/ EC/ GW.

81.3 Details of the CAPALC AGM were advised. HC will attend.

81.4 Correspondence from Cheyne Little advised that he had not yet had any response from the local MP in relation to his letter raising concerns about safety on the Deeping Road. Further accident on the Deeping Road with a car in hedge occurred the morning of 16th October.

81.5 Letter received from Deepings First in relation to a consultation on the Deepings Green Walk.

***To be put on the agenda for the next meeting.***

82. Planning:

82.1 Members noted the approval given for change of use of land at Sissons Farm Equestrian Centre, Thorney Road from agricultural and equestrian use to agricultural and equestrian uses and for wedding events and the erection of a building for wedding events, application 17/00471/FUL.

82.2 Consideration given to application 17.01879/CTR for height reduction to 3 trees and felling of 1 tree at 2 Chestnut Close. RP had inspected. No problems with the application.

***Clerk to respond.***

82.3 A Vision Document for the former Wildfowl Trust Site received from Barker Storey Matthews had been circulated prior to the meeting. The vision document identified three areas within the site – one which could house a small terrace of units, one which could accommodate up to 7 high quality bespoke designed houses and an area of Local Green Space, part of which could be opened for public access. SJ provided a substantial response to the Vision Document, objecting to the ideas behind the scheme. The scheme would not comply with 3 of the Peakirk Neighbourhood Plan Policies – PK3 to Protect and Enhance our Heritage and Rural Landscape Character, PK7 Dwelling Size and Type and PK9 Building Sustainable Homes. The scheme would also contradict the aspirations in the Neighbourhood Plan i)to support development of this site as a natural green space with public access as part of a corridor linking Maxey Cut and the River Welland and ii)to encourage the support and provision of ‘habitats of importance’ such as wet woodland. The proposals would not accord to the National Planning Policy Framework due to the site being in a high risk flood area. Development of the site could lead to more flooding through the village. The site is outside the Village Envelope, there are concerns about the proposed mix of the housing, public access problems and concerns about biodiversity. Viability concerns were expressed – the abnormal costs of the site and proposed mix would prevent the scheme being viable.

EC raised safety concerns in relation to access to the site.

Some members expressed a desire for the site to be tidied up and for the site to be of benefit to the village.

The Parish Council could not support the proposals put forward.

The meeting was suspended at 7.50pm to allow John Dadge to speak. JD stressed that the Vision Document was not a proposal as such but a discussion document to start a dialogue

between the owner and the parish council and for the parish council to put forward it’s ideas of what it might want to get out of it.

The meeting was re-started at 7.54pm.

In order for the Parish Council to actively consider ideas for how the site might be brought back into use it was agreed that a working group of councillors would be set up to discuss ideas and then possibly meet with the owner. It was suggested that ideas generated, with feasibility, could be put to the Parish Meeting.

***Clerk to arrange meeting.***

82.4 There were no further planning applications.

83. Finance:

83.1 The budget review to 30th September 2107 was noted.

83.2 Approval given for expenditure up to £25 for the purchase of spring bulbs for planting within the village.

83.3 Members noted the payment made to PKF Littlejohn in the sum of £120 for Annual Audit.

83.4 Approval given for payment to Mr R Harding in the sum of £260 for grass-cutting for September and October.

83.5 Approval given for a donation of £50 to the Deepings Practice Patient Participation Group Deepings and Glinton Voluntary Car Scheme.

83.6 Members noted payment of an invoice from the Community Heartbeat Trust in the sum of £2,200 in relation to the installation of a Community Defibrillator.

83.7 HC advised of the availability of funding from the Transparency Fund in relation to setting up a Parish Council website (maximum £1,750).

***HC to seek quote from Vision ITC for the setting-up and ongoing costs of a separate web-site. Application to be made to the Transparency Fund.***

83.8 Consideration given for possible expenditure items to be included in the draft budget for 2018/19. – a mobile/portable VAS unit. A water supply for the allotments to be included for 2019/20.

84. HC reported that he had provided I-Signs with the final version of the information for the display board for the Village Green and is awaiting the draft for checking. The price remains the same.

85. Maintenance:

85.1 The Clerk advised that the City Council had agreed to trim trees near the bus shelter.

***Clerk to chase.***

85.2 The City Council continue to decline to assume responsibility for trees in Firdale Close although Lee Moore has arranged for branches from one tree overhanging the pavement to be cut back. The land is not registered and the low branches continue to interfere with and remain a hazard for the grass-cutting contractor.

***EC to research potential ownership of the land. Clerk to obtain quote for works to these trees from Mr Harding.***

85.3 Cllr Pettitt reported on the village walk-about with Lee Moore of the City Council, resulting in 20 items identified for action. It was noted that the old water pump to the front of 32A St Pegas Road requires repainting.

***Clerk to confirm who previously undertook the work.***

85.4 It was noted that the yew hedge at the Village Green has been trimmed.

85.5 100 native bluebell bulbs and 3 trays of cowslip seed are ready to be planted in the Millennium Copse. The grass needs to be chopped back first. GW volunteered to undertake the grass cutting.

***SJ to show GW the area of grass to be cut.***

***A date to be agreed at the November meeting for the planting to be carried out.***

85.6 It was reported that Cllr Holdich had been contacted in relation to removal of graffiti from the bridges over the Maxey Cut and South Drain. Removal is awaited.

HC advised that the information board on the new footpath along the Maxey Cut had been cleaned and re-sited.

86. Speeding – GW had been unable to make contact with Paul Cole, the Speed Watch lead for the Constabulary, but had spoken with Bob Randall of Glinton Parish Council in relation to use of their equipment. It was agreed that more positive action needs to be taken. GW eager to be part of the working group to look at road safety within the village.

***Meeting to be arranged.***

87. Members noted the resignation of the Clerk.

***HC to draw up job & person specification and send to GW. HC & GW to form interview panel.***

***Post to be advertised in The Tribune and the Village Advertiser.***

88. HC advised of changes to the General Data Protection Regulations coming into force on 25 May 2018. Peterborough City Council will be setting up Parish Council domains – this would enable the insulation of Parish Council e-mails from personal e-mails. CAPALC to run a course in the Spring to advise on what will be needed.

89. DF reported that most of the dog fouling within the village is concentrated on St Pegas Road adjacent to the stone wall opposite Big Tree House.

Consideration given to spraying with paint marker

***DF to continue to monitor***.

***Clerk to contact Lee Moore in relation to spray-paint to use***.

90. SJ provided an update from the Northern Footpath Forum. Ideas for the bridge over the River Welland have gone full-circle. All possible sources of funding being pursued. The Schedules for the Public Footpath designation on the new footpath along part of the Maxey Cut have been signed.

91. HC advised that the amended policy for Grievance and Disciplinary Procedures will be based on the ACAS guide and should be ready to adopt by the next meeting.

92. Councillors reports:

RP has re-grouted the village monument. Noted that a new set of Xmas lights will be needed for the village monument – approval of expenditure to be put on the next agenda.

DF – several of the Ash trees adjacent to the footpath/cycle-way between the end of the village and Fox Covert Road are overhanging.

***Clerk to notify PCC.***

SJ advised that a decision in relation to the planning application by Larkfleet Homes for development in Glinton on land adjacent to Peakirk Road had been referred to the Planning Committee.

SJ would not be available to place the poppy wreaths on the village monument for remembrance.

***SJ to pass wreaths to RP for placing, GW also to participate.***

GP advised that he has reported the deadly yew disease found in the Churchyard.

Concern expressed by GP at the damage caused to parked vehicles by agricultural vehicles using Rectory Lane. GP to speak direct to farmer.

93. The date of the next meeting was noted as 20th November.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.39pm.